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G.O. No. 383

Dated 29-4-48.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Rationing - Statutorily and non-statutorily rationed areas and derationed areas - Issue of rations - Period - Revised - Papers - Recorded -

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Food Department
Memo.No.16961-B/48-3 dated the 22nd April, 1948.

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SUB: Rationing - Madras Province - Cardholders - Monthly supplies - Ordered.

Ref: From the Govt. of India, Ministry of Food, telegram No.1748/DGF/48 dated 14-4-1948.
From the Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, D.O.No.57618-K/1/48-, dated 19-4-1948.

The Government direct that cardholders in the rationed areas of the Province (both statutory and non-statutory) may be given at their option four week's ration, at a time instead of one week's rations with effect from the 2nd May, 1948. In the case of relief shops in derationed areas the Government direct that one week's ration may be given at a time in all districts at the option of cardholders instead of for 3 days at a time. The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) is requested to issue instructions to Collectors and Rationing Officers accordingly.

M.A. Kuttalalingam Pillai,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Board of Revenue(Civil Supplies)Madras.
Copy to the Regional Food Commissioner, Madras Region.
" the Govt. of India, Ministry of Food, New Delhi.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Food Department.
Memorandum No.16961-B/48-4, d/-22-4-1948.

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Sub: Civil Supplies - Coimbatore District and Madras City Foodgrains Deteriaration of -

It has been reported to the Government that the stocks o rice sent to Coimbatore and the stocks in Madras City are ge ting spoiled. The Board of Revenue, (Civil Supplies) is requested to investigate and report whether the allegation is true and if so the steps taken by it to prevent deteriatatio In this connection the attention of the Board is invited to Memorandum No.16961-B/48-3 dated 22-4-48 directing it to iss rations upto 4 weeks at a time.

M.A. Kuttalalingam Pillai,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Board of Revenue(Civil Supplies), Madras.

Copy of Ref.No.111326-K/48-1.CS, dated 24th August 1948 from the Board of Revenue (C.S.) addressed to the Secretary t Govt., Food Department, Madras.

Sub: ..Rationing - Malabar District - Issue of four weeks ration at a time - Concession - Withdrawal - Approval - Requested -

Ref: From the Collector of Malabar, AR7.3818/48, dated 13-8-1948.

Submitted to the Government.

2. In view of the low stock position of foodgrains in this Province and with no bright prospects of getting foodgrains from outside, the Board recommends that the action of the Collector, Malabar, in withdrawing the concession of issuing

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issuing four weeks rations at a time, to careholders, may be ~~reeer~~ approved.

ENCLOSURE:

Copy of the letter Ref.A 7.3818/48 dated 13-8-1948 from the Collector of Malabar, Calicut to the Secretary to the Commr. of Civil Supplies, Chepauk, Madras.

Sub: CIVIL SUPPLIES -Rationing - Malabar District -
Issue of four weeks ration at a time - Concession
withdrawal - Requested -
Ref: B.P.Rt.No.670/48 dated 27-4-1948.

The concession of issuing four weeks ration at a time at the option of the cardholders as ordered by the Board in its proceedings cited above though given effect to in the statutory and rural rationed areas of Malabar, was not being availed of to any appreciable extent by the cardholders. It has now been brought to my notice that this concession is being taken advantage of by some unscrupulous ration shop keepers by duping illiterate cardholders. After issuing a weeks ration, they mark the cages in the cards so as to indicate that the whole four weeks ration has been drawn and appropriate the difference for sale in blackmarket. Even if such cardholders make any complaint, the offence cannot be detected as all the connected records would have been suitably manipulated by the ration shop managers. There is very little possibility of detecting the offence and punishing the offender. This concession will also enable small land-holders to purchase four weeks' ration just before their harvest and even the timely freezing of their cards will not have any effect to prevent the extra draw of foodgrains from the ration shops. Ha~~v~~rvest of early crops is commencing in parts of the district. The present District stock of rice will last only for about nine weeks more. To obivate such misuses and such extra draw of rice, I have given instructions to withdraw this concession with immediate effect throughout this district in anticipation of Board's approval. Now the stocks are low and it is necessary to conserve, there is no~~t~~ question of storage difficulty now. I request the Board's approval of my action.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Food Department.
Memorandum No.36898_B/48-2., dated 2-9-1948.

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Sub: Rationing - Statutory and Informal areas - Four weekly supplies - Withdrawal -Ordered -
Ref: From the Collector of Malabar, letter No.Ar7. 3818/48 dated 13-8-1948.
From the Collector of Malabar, letter No.AR.7. 3818/48 dated 16-8-1948.
From the Board of Revenue(C.S.)Ref.111326K/48-1, dated 24-8-1948.

In the circumstances reported by the Collector of Malabar in his letter first cited, the Government approve of his action in having withdrawn the concession of supplying from week's ration at a time to cardholders in Malabar District.

2. In view of the need to conserve the existing stocks of foodgrains the Government consider it nedessary to withdraw the concession of supplying four weeks ration at a time in other district as well. The Board of Revenue (C.S.) is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors of other districts also.

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Secretary to Government.

To The Collector of Malabar. 9para 1 only).
The Board of Revenue (C.S.)
The Regional Food Controller, Southern Region.
The Government of India, Ministry of Food, New Delhi.

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Issued as Memo.No.16961 B/48-3 dated 22-4-1948.
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From the Bd. of Rev.(C.S.) B.P.Rt.No.670/48 d/27-4-1948.

The Board's Proceedings at p.19 c.f. is for perusal. The pp. may be recorded after giving a copy of Memo. at p.17 c.f. to 'C' Section for further action.

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29-4-48.

G.O.(Ms.)No.383, dated 29-4-'48.

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